

CURRENT EVENTS.

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danger has passed. If no further internal troubles arise, it is probable that it will not be very long before the Russian army will be in the field again.

One hundred American aviators from our naval flying corps have arrived in France, ready for any duty that may present itself.

On the western front in France the English army under General Haig is making advances accompanied by tremendous blows inflicted upon the Germans. Last week a strong advance was made on a nine mile front, which resulted in capturing some very important positions, a large number of prisoners and a number of large guns.

This advance was preceded by the most terrific mine explosions the world has ever known. Tunnels had been dug under the German lines and in these a million pounds of high explosives were discharged at one time. The result was that the German lines were simply annihilated. A hill across which these lines ran was entirely blown away. So great was the explosion that it was heard in England.

The Italian army has been quite active during the past week and made some vigorous attacks upon the Austrian front, by which they have gained some important positions.

The Roumanian army is said to have been reorganized, and is now ready to take the field again. It seems that Roumania was betrayed by Russia under the czar. She was compelled to declare war against Germany and Austria before she was ready, under promise that Russia would give her all needed assistance. This she failed to give, and Roumania was unable to withstand the attacks of the enemy.

OUR REGISTRATION.

On June 5th the young men of the country between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-one were required to register for military service. It was feared in some quarters that there would be some trouble made by those opposed to the war, or that there would be in some places many who would try to escape registration. But the day passed off quietly all over the country, and few reports have been received of the failure of any man to register. About 9,000,000 men were enrolled. It is said that about one-third of these will fall under various exemptions, so that they will not be called under this draft. Of the remainder, 500,000 will be selected on the first call. These will be called into training camps about the first of September.

The hearty response made by the young men of the country was not surprising to those who were well informed as to the sentiment of the American people. It shows that this nation realizes that it has a war on its hands, and that it has a cause that is just.

SAN SALVADOR DESTROYED.

On Thursday a series of earthquakes that continued all night destroyed the city of San Salvador and several neighboring cities. It is reported that only about a hundred houses are left standing, though only a few lives were lost. San Salvador is the capital of the state of the same name, which is the smallest of the Central American republics. The city had a population of about 45,000.

KAISER'S PLAN FOR BELGIUM.

The late Governor-General Bissing, of Belgium, maintained until the day of his death his belief in the necessity of the complete annexation of Bel-

gium to Germany. German advocates of moderate peace have been asserting that von Bissing changed the views he expressed in the memorandum he addressed to the emperor advocating annexation. This is disproved by a letter written by von Bissing on January 14th to the Reichstag deputy, Dr. Stresemann.

In this letter General von Bissing declared that the war was lost if Belgium, at the end, was not chained to Germany, to be ruled and exploited in Germany's interest. He chides those "superficial thinkers who wish to content themselves with guarantees of a paper nature or who consider the Meuse line an adequate frontier, a line which can never constitute the frontier which we need."

Von Bissing goes on to say that the frontier needed to protect Belgium against England and France must be advanced as far as conceivable northward, and that the coast is and must be part of that frontier. The governor-general declared that his entire policy had been guided by this idea, and that he had labored secretly, but steadily, to build up "connections" to support this program. He added that if these secret connections were maintained he hoped the time would come when Germany would be compensated through Belgium for her great sacrifices in the war.

Von Bissing continued by saying that his policy toward the Flemings and the Belgian Church was inspired and guided by this thought. Perhaps

Cardinal Mercier will be surprised to read that the general conducted his church policy with "wise moderation" and also his opinion that "I should perhaps have had an easier time along kulturkaempfe lines (referring to Bismarck's kulturkaempfe or war with the Roman Catholic Church), but we need the Church when once we wish to bring German methods and German labors into effect in Belgium."

In conclusion, von Bissing speaks of the confidence the emperor showed in him, and remarks that his policy in Belgium had always been conducted "in accordance with his majesty's directions and wishes."

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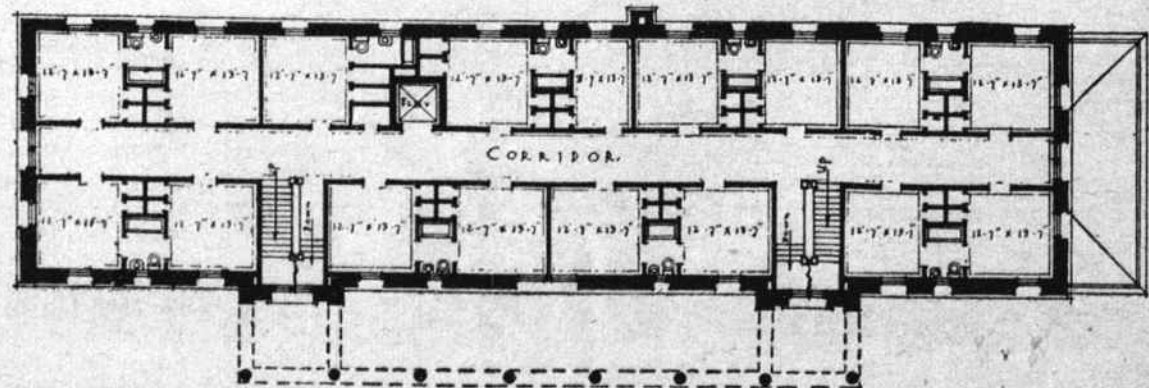
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